

Sturge Weber Syndrome in Adolescents

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Abstract

The word Sturge-Weber was given to Krabbe in 1934 in honor of two great men who contributed greatly to the study of this pathology (William Allen Sturge 1850-1919 and Frederick Parkes Weber 1863-1962), syndrome is a rare syndrome estimated at 1 in 50000 live births [1,4], the diagnosis is always evoked at birth by detection of coloring in the supero-lateral part of the face of the newborn, which is called wine-bound, more image plays a very important role on all neurological manifestations, the reason for this work is that the vast majority of doctors usually act after the first episode of epilepsy, which normally appears in the first years of life and in our case, only appeared in the tenth year, and the treatment will depend on the experience of doctors in particular neurology, ophthalmologist and dermatologist.

Clinical Image

We present the case of a 13-year-old adolescent male patient, who was brought by his father to the emergency department of the children's hospital in CHU de rabat in a state of epileptic disorder with no family history, physical or motor skills subsequently notable, absence of inbreeding history, but with, diagnosis at birth of a wine-colored flat angioma, affecting the upper part of the face on the right (Figure 1), physique examination, afebrile patient, with discreet eyelid ptosis a TDM was requested, which showing range of right fronto-parietal gyriform subcortical calcification, associated with calcification of the lenticular nuclei bilaterally and dilation of the right subependymal vein extended to the vein of galenia without minor hemorrhage with ipsilateral cortical atrophy (Figure 2), a week later an MRI was performed, atypical and tortuous appearance of the superficial cortical veins bilaterally more marked on the right at the level of trolard and labbé veins draining at the level of the superior longitudinal sinus and the transverse sinus which are ectasia; it is associated with multiple cortical and juxta-cortical right hemispheric signal anomalies in T2 hypersignal and FLAIR, as in the SWI sequences, producing a jellyfish head appearance, enhanced in the vascular phase in relation to venous developmental anomalies; hypertrophy of the choroid plexus with ectatic and tortuous; and the patient appearance of the ependymal vascular structures and widening of bilateral cortical sulci calcium deposits were detected on the T2x sequence, thus the diagnosis of Sturge Weber syndrome was proposed, and the patient is on outpatient treatment.

Discussion

Sturge Weber syndrome is defined as a rare and sporadic congenital neurocutaneous and ocular phacomatosis that results



from a malformation of the fetal vascular system leading to cortical atrophy in its complete form [1,5], Neurocutaneous syndrome observed in 1 in 50,000 individuals. According to Roach, Sturge Weber syndrome is classified into 3 types: type 1 combining facial angioma and leptomeningeal angioma with inconstant ocular involvement; type 2 with facial angioma without involvement of the central nervous system and inconstant ocular involvement and type 3 with isolated leptomeningeal angioma, without skin involvement, and our patient is part of type 1 which is the more frequent classic form and the more severe prognosis. Sturge-Weber syndrome is not hereditary. It is caused by a somatic mutation (a change in DNA that occurs after conception at the level of precursors in the affected area) [2]. Sturge Weber Syndrome is characterized by the classic triad of a facial port-wine stain, leptomeningeal angiomatosis, and glaucoma [3]. Over the years, several authors and pathophysiologists have defined this syndrome as being distributed following the territory of the trigeminal nerve with a close relationship with this nerve, it was only after 2014 that a work team led by Waelchli proposed that the distribution of this syndrome followed the territories of blood vessels, embryonic blood cells from the face and not from the trigeminal

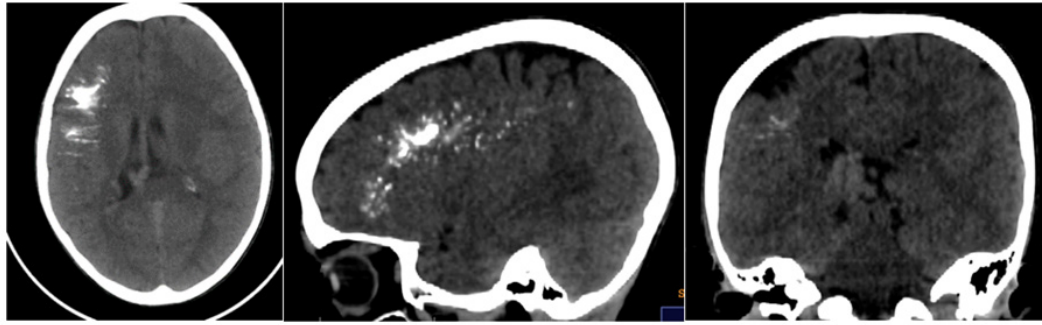


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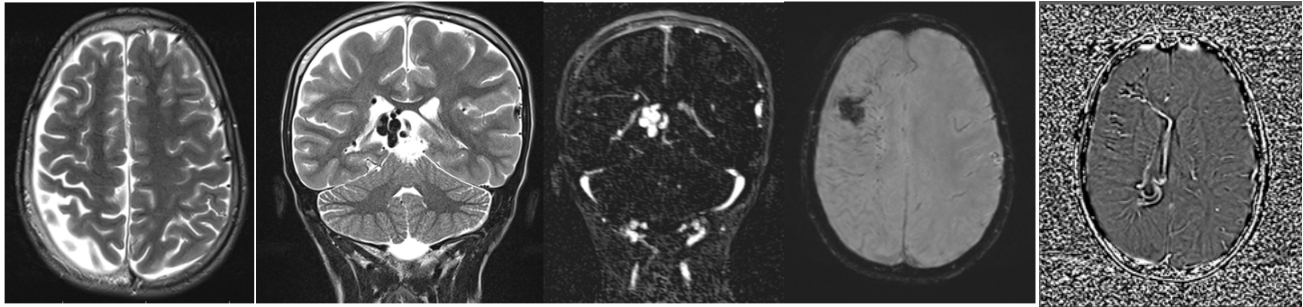


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nerve. The fundamental physiopathological anomaly of facial capillary malformation is responsible for subcortical calcifications, the presence of abnormal vessels leads to an alteration of cerebral perfusion and an underlying condition which can worsen in the of uncontrolled convulsive seizures [5]. Ocular abnormalities such as glaucoma and choroidal vascular disease associated with cortical atrophy present in most patients with this syndrome.

Clinical manifestations of the syndrome include treatment-resistant epilepsy with hemianopsia and mental retardation. The diagnosis of Sturge Weber syndrome is suspected in patients presenting with a facial angiome after birth but CT and MRI without and with injection play a very important role for the certainty and prognosis of patients with Sturge Weber syndrome.

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